

Demand-Limiting Assessment Tool for Small Commercial Buildings

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Current Objectives

- Quick assessment tool for potential end users to evaluate
 - demand reduction
 - operating cost savings
 - occupant thermal comfort impacts
- Only allow users to change most important factors
 - Type and size of building
 - Location
 - Utility rates
 - Occupancy schedule
 - Demand-limiting parameters
 - Equipment efficiency
- Potentially useful as a tool for utilities to promote this technology

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General Site Occupancy Setpoints Costs Savings Peak Day Power Temperatures

Building

Type: Small Office Building

Area: 6600 square feet

Equipment

Type: ☒ Roo ☐ Heat

Efficiency: ☐ Low ☐ High

Closed Damper Leakage: ☐

Base Case

☒ Setback Thermostat ☒ Unoccupied Fan Cycling ☐ Use Default Site

☐ US ☐ Canada

☒ CA Climate Zones

Climate Zone 01
Climate Zone 02
Climate Zone 03
Climate Zone 04

About

Demand-Limiting Assessment Tool

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Note: This tool provides "quick" estimates of peak demand reduction along with cost and comfort impacts associated with a demand-limiting strategy that utilizes adjustment of building zone temperature setpoints within comfort bounds. The results are meant to be representative for a set of predefined prototypical buildings and equipment.

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Current Efforts

- Add comfort impacts
- Add on-line reference manual
- Add additional utility rate models
- Get initial feedback on end-user tool

Possible Next Steps

- Incorporate wider range of building prototypes
- Web-based implementation
- End-user feedback
- Develop alternative tool for utilities and utility program planners
 - Statewide assessments of technology
 - Impact assessments of different utility programs

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General Site Occupancy Setpoints Costs Savings Peak Day Power Temperatures

Building

Type

Area

Equipment

Type ☒ Rooftop AC + Gas Heat ☐ Heatpump + Electric Heat

Efficiency ☐ Low ☒ Medium ☐ High

Closed Damper Leakage

Base Case

☒ Setback Thermostat ☒ Unoccupied Fan Cycling

☐ US ☐ Canada

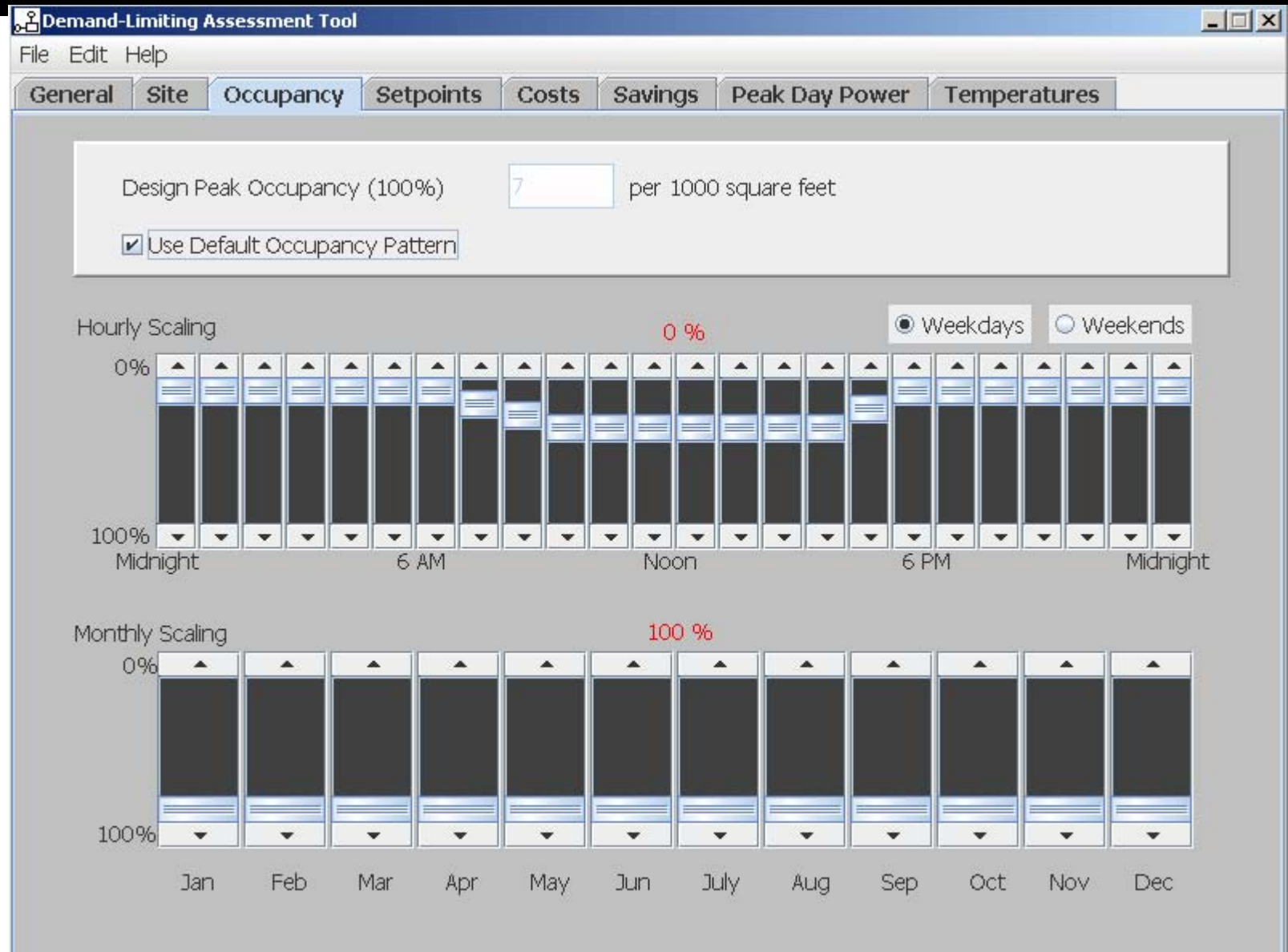
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☐ Use Default Site

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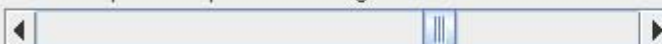
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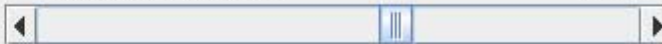
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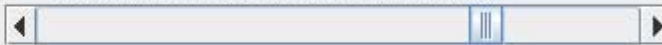
Normal Day Setpoints

Occupied Setpoint Cooling 74.0 F


Unoccupied Setpoint Cooling 85.0 F



Demand-Limiting Day Setpoints


Precooling Setpoint 70.0 F



Maximum Occupied Setpoint Cooling 78.0 F


Number of Days for Demand-Limiting Control

Demand-Limiting Time

Start Time for Precooling 6:00 AM 

Start Time for Demand-Limiting 12:00 PM 

Stop Time for Demand-Limiting 6:00 PM 

☐ Use Default Setpoints

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General Site Occupancy Setpoints **Costs** Savings Peak Day Power Temperatures

Normal Electric Utility Rates

Season ☒ Summer ☐ Winter

Start Date May 1 ▾

	On Peak	Off Peak
Start	12:00 PM ▹▹	10:00 PM ▹▹
Stop	6:00 PM ▹▹	9:00 AM ▹▹

Without CPP Program

	On Peak	Mid Peak	Off Peak	
Energy	0.140	0.105	0.075	\$/kWh
Demand	15.00	3.60	0.00	\$/kW

With CPP Program

	On Peak	Mid Peak	Off Peak	
Energy	0.110	0.095	0.075	\$/kWh
Demand	15.00	3.60	0.00	\$/kW

CPP Event Electric Energy Changes

CPP Rates? Yes

Number of Days for CPP Rates 5

	Summer Super Peak	Winter Super Peak
Start	12:00 PM ▹▹	12:00 PM ▹▹
Stop	6:00 PM ▹▹	6:00 PM ▹▹
Rate	0.560 \$/kWh	0.105 \$/kWh

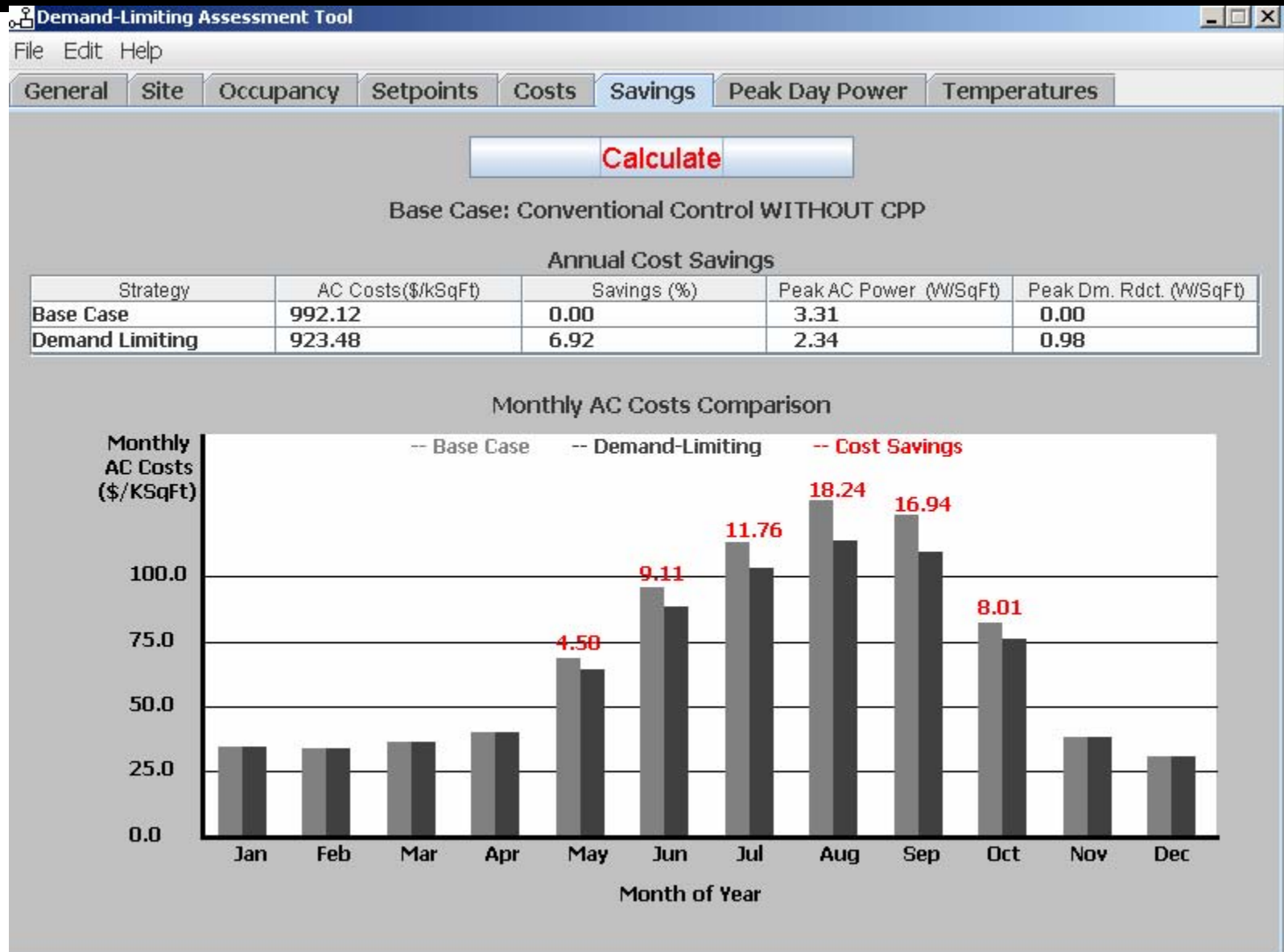
Base Case Selection

☒ Conventional Control WITHOUT CPP

☐ Conventional Control WITH CPP

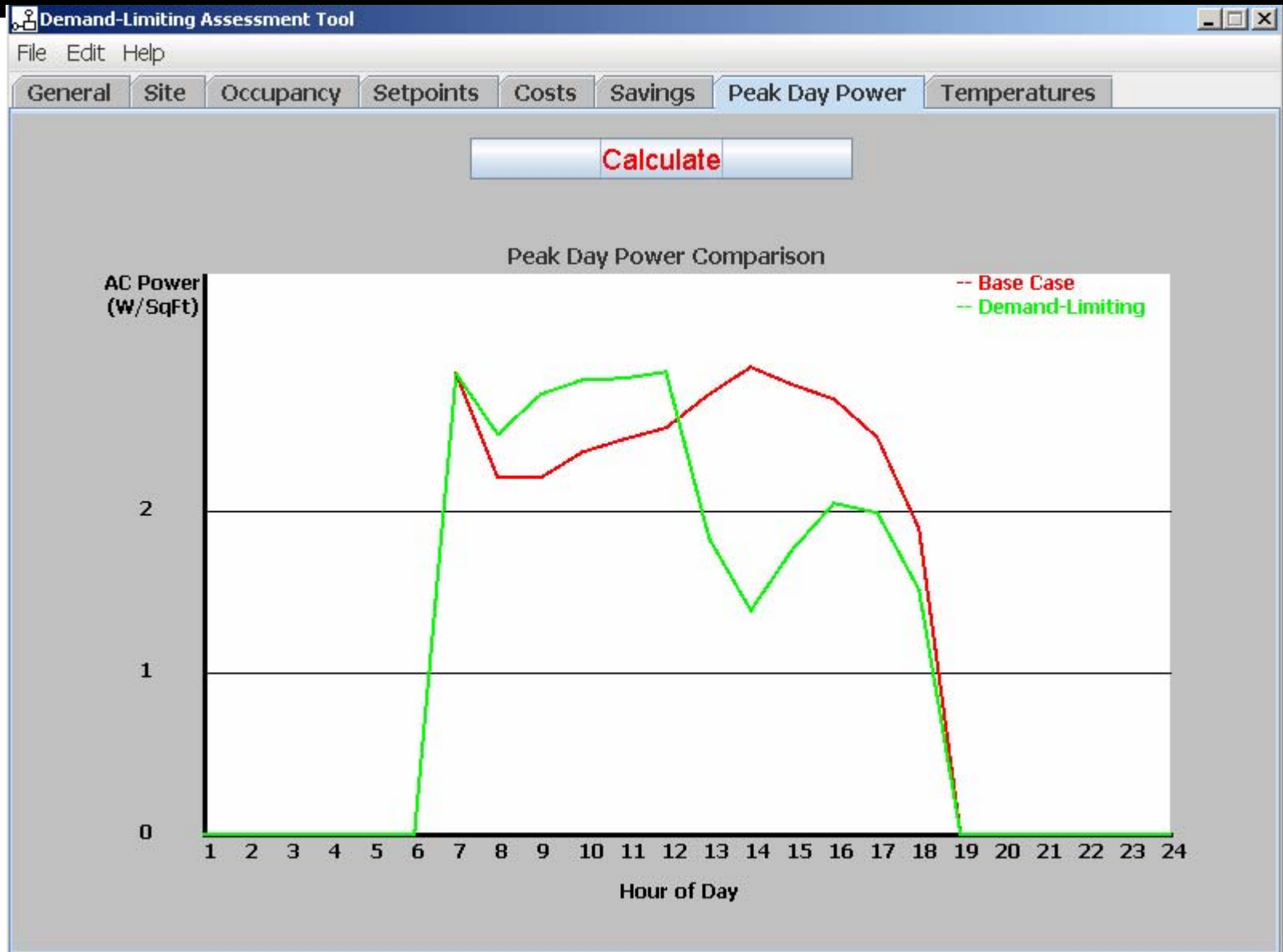
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